

Capitol Heights News

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 14, 7:00 PM CHCA Meeting
- July 12, 7:00 PM CHCA Meeting
- Other Events and Activities to be announced!

OFFICERS ELECTED BY MEMBERS

The CHCA membership elected new Officers and Members at Large during the May meeting. Each of the elected representatives have expressed how terrific it is to live in Capitol Heights and how much they look forward to their serving the neighborhood as leaders in our association. Expect to

hear more from them after their first planning session is held in June.

Bob Knapp, President: After attending college at the Citadel in Charleston, SC, Bob entered the United States Air Force and has been stationed in Rantoul, Illinois (which he says is near nowhere), Little Rock, Arkansas, Kadena AB in Okinawa, Japan, McGuire AFB, New Jersey, Ramstein AB, Germany, Scott AFB, Illinois and currently, Maxwell AFB. Before departing for Arkansas, he spent a couple of weeks at home in Buffalo, NY where he met his lovely wife, Lisa. After five months of phone calls and letters, Lisa came to Little Rock and married Bob. The Knapps have two children, Nina (age 15) and Alex (age 5). When Bob retires from active service in January 2007, he and his family plan to remain in the local area.

Jewell Pitts, Vice President: Jewell Cobb Pitts was born and raised in Montgomery. She attended Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, where she graduated with honors in 1977. She has been employed with the Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for the past 25 years and is currently the Support Coordinator of Children and Adolescent Mental Retardation Services. Jewell is married to her high school classmate, Michael, and they have one son, Wesley (age 10). The Pitts are members of Resurrection Catholic Church.

Mike Dapelo, Treasurer: Mike retired from the Air Force in 1989 and works at Gunter AFB as an Accountant for the Civil Engineering Systems group managing the AF Real Property. He and his wife, Judy, moved to Montgomery 6 years ago, buying a home in Cloverdale/Idlewild. In September 2002, they purchased a home in Capitol Heights. When not working on their home and landscaping, they love antiques.

Cynthia McCollister, Secretary: Cynthia grew up in an antebellum home in Eufaula, Alabama that her parents converted from four apartment units to a single family home. Cynthia has been with

Regions Financial Corporation for 25 years and in 1991 was transferred to Montgomery. It wasn't until June, 2003 that she and her son, Clay, moved to their home on South Capitol Parkway. Cynthia's previous home was on the market for sale for two years before it finally sold and she was able to seriously house hunt. During those two years she looked at many homes in Capitol Heights and claims that the Dapelo's, the Bornreggar's and the Bryant's are living in houses that should have been hers! Even so, she's very happy with the home she purchased!

Carole King, Member At Large: Carole has been a resident of Capitol Heights for 20+ years. After shopping other historic neighborhoods, she choose to begin her old house experience with a small house on North California. She moved to Capitol Parkway in 1991 and resides there with her hounds. Carole is the curator at Old Alabama Town for Landmarks Foundation. This isn't Carole's first term as an elected official for CHCA. Carole has also served as President and Vice President.

Terry Robinson, Member At Large: Terry was born at West Point Military Academy in New York and migrated to Alabama in 1971. Terry is a 27 year veteran of the Alabama Department of Transportation and has lived in Capitol Heights since 1993. This is Terry's second term on the CHCA Executive Committee.

Lynn Bryant, Member at Large: After first serving as Member At Large, Lynn was elected President of our association for the 2004-2005 term. He and his wife Brenda have been married for 25 years and they have called Montgomery home for the last five years. They have been residents of Capitol Heights since March of 2002. Lynn says they thoroughly enjoy the neighborhood and only regret that they did not move here 10 years sooner!

Paul Rawlinson, Member At Large: Paul served as Vice President of our association in 2004-2005. Paul's family came to Capitol Heights in 1963. He lives in a "newer" Victorian styled house on Winona Avenue near the Methodist Church and one half block from where the Capitol Heights Elementary School once stood. He has watched the area change a great deal through the years!

Mike Jones, Member at Large: Mike is a lifelong resident of Montgomery. He attended Sydney Lanier High School and graduated from Huntingdon College. *(continued on page 4, see Officers)*



Musings from our Members:

Gardener's Luck By Karen

Before I moved to Alabama, I spent a few years in a gypsy phase. I wandered around, worked at odd jobs, wrote songs, and played music in coffee houses and bars. A couple of times I stayed in one place long enough that I was inspired to plant some flowers. Nothing ambitious, mind you. I filled a window box with daisies while living in an apartment in an old Victorian and then another time, arranged some sage in a whiskey barrel planter on a deck behind a one-room adobe. Still, I guess I was attempting to put down some type of roots. But it was not to be-- the winds of change shifted and soon I was moving again. My friends joked that if I planted flowers I would soon leave.

Moving to Capitol Heights broke that cycle. Capitol Heights is a gardening Mecca. I have lived here nearly seven years and I have several gardens full of plants and flowers and so do my neighbors. In fact, many of my flowers came from my neighbors.

For example, I made the acquaintance of the elderly lady who used to live in the house on the corner of North Lewis and St. Charles-- the one that is currently undergoing complete renovation. As I passed her house, I always noticed her flowering bushes and the many different blooms in her gardens. One day I took the time, stopped, and introduced myself. After that, whenever I saw her stooped over her gardens, I walked over and she would share plants and advice-- and so she became one of my first

gardening mentors. One day while visiting I commented on her Black-eyed Susans. "Well," she huffed, out of breath from a combination of bending over digging and ill health, "here ya go," and immediately jerked a bunch of the beauties up by roots and handed them to me. "Stick them in the ground right now," she directed, and then added another instruction, "And keep them wet." I think of her when the yellow faces with the sweet brown centers wave in the summer breeze.

Once, when Tim and I were planting two Fire Power Nandinas, our neighbor Bobby walked over to help. As we mulched, he suggested that next time we plan a bed we plant "in threes" to attract "gardener's luck." My orange cannas along the fence, which are not yet in bloom, came from Bobby. I notice his Lucifers are glowing bright red in his bank.

Hmmmmmm.

I owe my Angel Trumpet flowers to Mrs. Harris, who lives behind me. I was having trouble getting my cuttings to root so she gave me a pair already rooted. As I headed home with the treasure, I thanked her over my shoulder. She quickly turned her back to me and exclaimed "I'll pretend I did not hear that and you'd best take it back before that bit of a root falls plumb off!" You see, as I learned, thanking a fellow gardener for sharing brings bad luck. Instead, the recipient should simply declare, "I'll enjoy it!"

So--to all my neighbors here in Capitol Heights--slow down and enjoy the gardens--share--and ENJOY!

YARD OF THE MONTH

Winners for the Month of May are:

Larry Lynn at 2001 Capitol Avenue

Erline Taylor at 1613 Madison Avenue

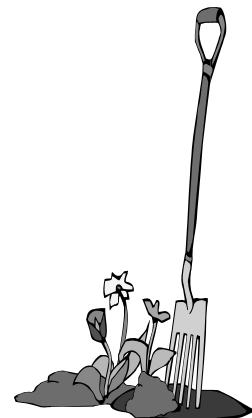
Winners for the Month of June are:

Jack Wallace at 2134 St. Charles Avenue

Lisa & Bob Knapp at 2106 Madison Avenue

Congratulations!

Thank you for your efforts to make our neighborhood more beautiful!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please support the work of the CHCA and our neighborhood by joining today!

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Dues for the 2005-2006 year are: Seniors — \$5.00 Individuals — \$10.00 Household — \$15.00

Circle one: New Member Membership Renewal

NAME _____

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PHONE _____ NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS _____

Membership Renewal occurs annually and dues are payable at or before the association meeting held in May.

What can the CHCA do for our neighborhood? Please let us know your ideas:

Annual membership dues were payable in May. See dues amounts on Membership Application included above. Reminder: payment of membership dues must be current to participate in voting of CHCA.



CHCA Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Capitol Heights United Methodist Church. Everyone who lives in the neighborhood is invited to attend. Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M.

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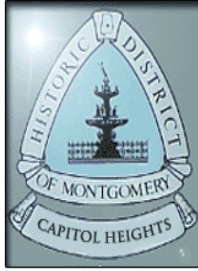
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(Officers, continued from front page) Mike has been an Environmental Scientist with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for over 15 years and works in the Office of Communication, Planning and Outreach. Mike tells us he has no hobbies. He has an old house!

He currently resides on South Capitol Parkway with Jack Pearson (a former CHCA President). They have lived in Capitol Heights for ten years and enjoy the eclectic feel of the neighborhood.

Other Members at Large are **Helen Harris and Jimmy Johnson.**